

## Federal Communications Commission

## § 22.953

notice announcing the results of the competitive bidding process.

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### § 22.950 Provision of service in the Gulf of Mexico Service Area (GMSA)

The GMSA has been divided into two areas for licensing purposes, the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Zone (GMEZ) and the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Zone (GMCZ). This section describes these areas and sets forth the process for licensing facilities in these two respective areas within the GMSA.

(a) The GMEZ and GMCZ are defined as follows:

(1) *Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Zone.* The geographical area within the Gulf of Mexico Service Area that lies between the coastline line and the southern demarcation line of the Gulf of Mexico Service Area, excluding the area comprising the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Zone.

(2) *Gulf of Mexico Coastal Zone.* The geographical area within the Gulf of Mexico Service Area that lies between the coast line of Florida and a line extending approximately twelve nautical miles due south from the coastline boundary of the States of Florida and Alabama, and continuing along the west coast of Florida at a distance of twelve nautical miles from the shoreline. The line is defined by Great Circle arcs connecting the following points (geographical coordinates listed as North Latitude, West Longitude) consecutively in the order listed:

- (i) 30°16'49" N 87°31'06" W
- (ii) 30°04'35" N 87°31'06" W
- (iii) 30°10'56" N 86°26'53" W
- (iv) 30°03'00" N 86°00'29" W
- (v) 29°33'00" N 85°32'49" W
- (vi) 29°23'21" N 85°02'06" W
- (vii) 29°49'44" N 83°59'02" W
- (viii) 28°54'00" N 83°05'33" W
- (ix) 28°34'41" N 82°53'38" W
- (x) 27°50'39" N 83°04'27" W
- (xi) 26°24'22" N 82°23'22" W
- (xii) 25°41'39" N 81°49'40" W
- (xiii) 24°59'02" N 81°15'04" W
- (xiv) 24°44'23" N 81°57'04" W
- (xv) 24°32'37" N 82°02'01" W

(b) *Service Area Boundary Calculation.* The service area boundary of a cell site located within the Gulf of Mexico Serv-

ice Area is calculated pursuant to § 22.911(a)(2). Otherwise, the service area boundary is calculated pursuant to §§ 22.911(a)(1) or 22.911(b).

(c) Operation within the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Zone (GMEZ). GMEZ licensees have exclusive right to provide service in the GMEZ, and may add, modify, or remove facilities anywhere within the GMEZ without prior Commission approval. There is no five-year buildout period for GMEZ licensees, no requirement to file system information update maps pursuant to § 22.947, and no unserved area licensing procedure for the GMEZ.

(d) Operation within the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Zone (GMCZ). The GMCZ is subject to the Phase II unserved area licensing procedures set forth in § 22.949(b).

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### § 22.951 Minimum coverage requirement.

Applications for authority to operate a new cellular system in an unserved area, other than those filed by the licensee of an existing system that abuts the unserved area, must propose a contiguous cellular geographical service area (CGSA) of at least 130 square kilometers (50 square miles). Area within contract SAB extensions counts toward the minimum coverage requirement. However, area within *de minimis* SAB extensions does not count toward the minimum coverage requirement. Applications for authority to operate a new cellular system in an unserved area, other than those filed by the licensee of an existing system that abuts the unserved area, must not propose coverage of water areas only (or water areas and uninhabited islands or reefs only), except for unserved areas in the Gulf of Mexico MSA.

### § 22.953 Content and form of applications.

Applications for authority to operate a cellular system in an unserved area must comply with the specifications in this section.

(a) Applications for authority to operate a cellular system in an unserved area must include the following information in addition to the requirements specified in §§ 1.919, 1.923 and 1.924. The